

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately below the title, please delete the first paragraph and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

B1 This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/406,568, filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,967, which claims benefit of United States Provisional Application Nos. 60/101,828, filed September 25, 1998, and 60/125,750, filed March 24, 1999, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.

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Please cancel claim 2 and claim 6.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 26 to read as follows:

Sub C
B2 1. A method for administering a lipopeptide antibiotic, comprising the step of administering to a human patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the lipopeptide antibiotic in a dose of at least 3 mg/kg of the lipopeptide at a dosage interval that minimizes skeletal muscle toxicity, wherein the lipopeptide antibiotic dose is repeatedly administered at a dosage interval of once every 24 hours to once every 48 hours.

B3 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the lipopeptide antibiotic is administered once every 24 hours.

B4 Sub C 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the dose is 3 to 12 mg/kg.

B5 Sub C 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the dose is 10 to 25 mg/kg.